



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 136

Senate, March 21, 2017

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported through SEN. FLEXER of the 29th Dist. and SEN. MARTIN of the 31st Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING VEHICLE NUMBER PLATES FOR CERTAIN VETERANS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 14-20b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2017*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, at the request of any
5 veteran or member of the armed forces, as defined in subsection (a) of
6 section 27-103, or the surviving spouse of such veteran or member,
7 shall register any motor vehicle owned or leased for a period of at least
8 one year by such person and shall issue a special certificate of
9 registration and a set of number plates for each such motor vehicle,
10 including a special certificate of registration and a set of number plates
11 for any motor vehicle used exclusively for farming purposes by any
12 veteran or member of the armed forces, or the surviving spouse of
13 such veteran or member, who is engaged in agricultural production as

14 a trade or business. The plates shall expire and be renewed as
15 provided in section 14-22. The commissioner shall charge a fee for such
16 plates, which fee shall cover the entire cost of making [the same and
17 which] such plates and shall be in addition to the fee for registration of
18 such motor vehicle.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	14-20b(a)
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VA *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill expands the classification of veteran license plates and registration to include any motor vehicle exclusively used for farming. The bill does not result in a fiscal impact as current law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to charge a fee that covers the entire cost of making the plates, which is in addition to the motor vehicle's registration fee.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 136****AN ACT CONCERNING VEHICLE NUMBER PLATES FOR CERTAIN VETERANS.****SUMMARY**

By law, the motor vehicles commissioner must issue a special registration certificate and a set of number plates to veterans, members of the armed forces, or their surviving spouse for any motor vehicle they own or lease for at least one year, upon their request. This bill specifies that these requirements also apply to any motor vehicle they exclusively use for farming as long as they engage in agricultural production as a trade or profession.

By law and under the bill, the commissioner must charge a fee that covers the entire cost of making the plates, which is in addition to the motor vehicle's registration fee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2017

BACKGROUND***Veteran***

State law generally defines "veteran" as anyone honorably discharged or released from active service in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Armed Forces

State law defines the "armed forces" as the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force and any reserve component of these branches, including the Connecticut National Guard performing duty under Title 32 of federal law (e.g., certain Homeland Security missions).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/02/2017)